

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that "[c]laims 22, 30, 39, 45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Without acquiescing in or agreeing to the Examiner's detailed prior art analysis set forth on pages 3-8 of the Office Action, but rather for purposes of expedition, applicants have rewritten independent claims 21, 26, 38 and 43 to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 22, 30, 39 and 45 respectively (which dependent claims have been cancelled without prejudice to avoid duplication). Applicants have made an additional wording change to claim 26 (last occurrence of "network computing system" of the language from dependent claim 30 changed to "mobile computing systems" to ensure proper antecedent basis. Based on the Examiner's indication of allowability, all pending claims should now be allowable.

Should any minor issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below and thereby avoid the need for a further written action.

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